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War Department,  
Quartermaster General's Office,  
Washington, D. C., June 25, 1884.

Col. J. C. Shandor  
Maj. Gen. G. W. M. U.S.A.  
Colonel

Very respectfully  
W. W. H. Phillips  
Quartermaster

I have, in accordance with  
your directions, carefully examined  
the accompanying papers, relative  
to the Water supply at Port Mores-  
by, China, and have the honor to present  
the following report -

The plan for the proposed River  
canal is good and of sufficient capacity  
to supply a port of nearly double its

full cost of \$150,000 4

5/85 of 1882

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will cost a great deal more than  
its estimate calls for - & built  
in this neighborhood, the cost per  
each would be increased some

the cost of the reservoir - The total  
cost must include both items -  
as follows.

\$15,600 -  
Cost of 2 Reservoirs (labor) - \$3704.00

" Material &c - 11828.14

There appears to be a difference  
between the amount first author-  
ized and that given in the paper -  
The amount authorized \$1328 1/4 -  
This amount is stated by Genl.  
Bingham to the creek at \$100.

Proceeds of the material embank-  
ment furnished him by the Dept  
of War were to be deducted before  
any payment made him by the Dept  
of War for the work done -  
On account of the fact that the  
cost of laying the pipe and its running  
plumbing, and other not included

giving as the total cost of \$15032.14  
instead of \$11328 1/4 - And the  
same time, I think that the board  
language of authority as given in  
the following telegram of the  
A.M. General on June 23<sup>d</sup> 1864  
to Maj' Genl. Gwin - "I contract"  
"can be executed before end of"

"labor or for double"

"labor or for double, n.m.o."